Year	Qty. in lakh MTs	Amount in Rs. / Crores	% of loss
1999-2000 (Prov.) 2000-	1.60	150.00	0.32
2001 (Prov.) 2000-2002	2.24	227.00	0.57
(Prov.)	2.46	266.00	0.44

The storage loss in terms of percentage shows a downward trend from 0.57% in 2000-01 to 0.44% in 2001-02, whereas the value has gone up due to increase in acquisition cost and increased volume of issues.

Allocation of Foodgrains for TPDS in A.P.

2677. DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the difference in number of BPL families in Andhra Pradesh for Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) still persists between the Central and State Governments;

(b) what efforts were made to sort out the differences;

(c) the reasons for not allocating foodgrains demanded by the State for TPDS when Godowns of FCI are over flowing and foodgrains are rotting there; and

(d) the remedial measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The number of BPL families as per the Government of India estimates in Andhra Pradesh is 40.63 lakhs against which the State Government has identified 113 lakhs. The State wise number of BPL families have been worked out as per the poverty estimates of the Planning Commission for the year 1993-94 adopting the methodology of the Expert Group applied to the population projections of the Registrar General as on 1.3.2000. This basis is being uniformly applied for allocation of foodgrains to all BPL families in the country without exception and cannot be changed for any one State in isolation.